

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service

Board Meeting

October 8, 2013

Public Hearings:

A public hearing was held by the Georgia Board of Funeral Service on October 8, 2013, for the purpose of providing licensees the opportunity to appeal fines assessed for inspection violations. The hearings were held at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. The Board chairman, Thelon Hamby, called the hearings to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was established with members present being: Chairman Thelon Hamby, Terry Daviston, Nancy Kennedy, Michael Fowler, Bryant Hightower and David Roach. Lauren McDonald was present via satellite from the Atlanta Office of Secretary of State.

Executive Session:

Michael Fowler moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on the testimonies and evidence brought forth during the hearing. Bryant Hightower seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Thelon Hamby, Chairman; David Roach, Nancy Kennedy, Terry Daviston, Bryant Hightower, Michael Fowler and Lauren McDonald. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters considered.

McLane Funeral Services: Michael Fowler moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to uphold the fine in full. Terry Daviston opposed. Total fine assessed: \$400.00.

The Chairman declared the hearings closed at 10:40 a.m., and convened the regular meeting.

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA. Chairman Thelon Hamby called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Chairman Thelon Hamby, Terry Daviston, Nancy Kennedy, Michael Fowler, Bryant Hightower and David Roach. Lauren McDonald was present via satellite from the Atlanta Office of Secretary of State.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Amantha Lovett, Board Support Specialist and Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General, via satellite from the Atlanta Office of Secretary of State.

Executive Session:

Bryant Hightower moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Nancy Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Thelon Hamby, Chairman; David Roach, Nancy

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Kennedy, Terry Daviston, Bryant Hightower, Michael Fowler and Lauren McDonald. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Applications:

Terry Daviston moved, Bryant Hightower seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for a change of Funeral Director in Full & Continuous Charge:

- 2281292 Knox Funeral Home-**Tanya Devonne Johnson**
- 1857162 Evans-Skipper Funeral Home- **Kenneth Alex Mancil**
- 2091598 Hunter-Allen-Mayhand Funeral Home, Inc. – **Mark Alan Neal**
- 2283412 Platinum Cremation Center, LLC– **William Herbert Gilstrap, III**
- 2288414 Paschal Memorial Funeral Home- **Randy Paschal**

Michael Fowler moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for reinstatement as a Funeral Director & Embalmer:

- 1827969 & 1827973 Wilton Lee Miles, Jr
- 2283424 & 2283428 Gordon C Cole, III

Michael Fowler moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for licensure as a Funeral Director & Embalmer:

- 2288524 & 2288525 Mary Ellen Deguisseppi

Michael Fowler moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applications for Funeral Service Apprentice:

- 2284550 Charles Daniel Flynn
- 2284546 Glen Nathan Hurley

Terry Daviston moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to uphold its decision to deny application for reinstatement an Embalmer:

- 1786125 E H

Michael Fowler moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to table the following application for Funeral Service Apprentice:

- 2092391 R L B

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Michael Fowler moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to accept a consent order and approve the following application for reinstatement:

- 2284890 Norrington Funeral Home

Terry Daviston moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to approve reinstatement by Consent Order and accept Consent Order upon receipt of signed order.

- 2092367 H F H

Nancy Kennedy moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board vote table the following application for licensure as a new Establishment:

- 2092619 P F H

Michael Fowler moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the name change of the following Funeral Establishments:

- 2283414 Smith -Peoples Funeral Home
- 2281750 Coffman Funeral Home - Petitt Chapel

Nancy Kennedy moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following application for licensure as a Funeral Service Apprentice with a consent order with probation for the duration of the apprenticeship:

- 1837232 K J.B

Lauren McDonald moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report.

Lauren McDonald moved, Terry Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant's recommendations on the following cases:

FUN140031	Close
FUN130109	Close with letter of concern to FDFCC and owner of FEST to exercise more care in determining next-of-kin of deceased human beings, especially when step-siblings are involved.

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	Send letter to Complainant that the complaint is a civil matter and not within the board's jurisdiction.
FUN140013	Close as civil matter
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FUN120188	Close and refer to Federal Trade Commission concerning the General Price List is indicating some items as non-declinable that should not be marked.
FUN140045	Close
FUN140026	Violations: OCGA 43-18-8 & 43-18-46 (27). Refer to Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order for issuance of \$500 fine, 2 year probation, and a written procedure for how they will handle cremations going forward and public reprimand.
FUN130028	Refer to Attorney General's Office for referral to local District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

Terry Daviston moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following orders to accept fine money for inspection violations:

- Bentley Carson Memorial Funeral Home \$ 600 Cordele
- Chapman Funeral Chapel Inc. \$ 200 Brunswick

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Daviston moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Official Minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting.

Terry Daviston moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting.

Terry Daviston moved, Bryant Hightower seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued since the September 10, 2013 Board meeting.

CREM000109	Phoenix Funeral Services Inc	Funeral Service
CREM000110	Georgia Cremation Centers	Funeral Service
EMB004870	Mullins, Sarah Noel	Funeral Service
EMB004871	Nixon, Solomon, Jr	Funeral Service
EMB004872	Johnson, Tawanna Monchel	Funeral Service
EMB004873	Harris, Davida Martine	Funeral Service
EMB004874	Eberhart, Laura Lindsey	Funeral Service
EMB004875	Pace, Denny Lashan	Funeral Service

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EMB004876	Paschal, Randy Jarreau	Funeral Service
EMB004877	Strong, Luke Pope, III	Funeral Service
EMB004878	Standifer, Robert Kent	Funeral Service
FD005276	Mullins, Sarah Noel	Funeral Service
FD005277	Nixon, Solomon, Jr	Funeral Service
FD005278	Harris, Davida Martine	Funeral Service
FD005279	Eberhart, Laura Lindsey	Funeral Service
FD005280	Pace, Denny Lashan	Funeral Service
FD005281	Paschal, Randy Jarreau	Funeral Service
FD005282	Strong, Luke Pope, III	Funeral Service
FD005283	Standifer, Robert Kent	Funeral Service
FEST001869	Young Levett Funeral Home Inc	Funeral Service
FEST001870	Young Levett Funeral Home Inc	Funeral Service
FEST001871	Phoenix Funeral Services Inc	Funeral Service
FEST001872	Georgia Cremation Centers	Funeral Service
FEST001873	C.A. Reid SR Memorial chapel	Funeral Service
FSA005581	Landy, Lashawn Nijean	Funeral Service
FSA005582	Wagster, Nancy Reynolds	Funeral Service
FSA005583	Ellis, Gregory Allen	Funeral Service
FSA005584	Rowland, Yoshalyn Shamia	Funeral Service
FSA005585	Colbert, Anvenitra	Funeral Service
FSA005586	Robertson, Samuel Darrell	Funeral Service
FSA005587	Maynard, Amber Courtney	Funeral Service
FSA005588	Alexander, Peter Joseph, Jr	Funeral Service
FSA005589	Flowers, Chad Jaylan	Funeral Service
FSA005590	Heaton, Heather B	Funeral Service
FSA005591	Gammage, IV, Olin Lynn	Funeral Service
FSA005592	Watkins, Kimbriana Latier	Funeral Service
FSA005593	Watruba, Allen Gregory, II	Funeral Service
FSA005594	Few, Courtney Marie	Funeral Service
FSA005595	Hunnicutt, Wendy Micheal	Funeral Service

Bryant Hightower moved, Michael Fowler seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant's recommendations on the approval or denial of the following continuing education courses:

National Funeral Directors Association kwalczak@nfda.org	Cremation Due Diligence Is In Your Hands: Implementing the Updated Due Diligence Guide to Best Practices	2		

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1032 Matthews International	Moving From Grievance to Remembrance	.1		
Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association 124 W.Park Avenue Savannah, GA 31401	GFSPA.net: The Funeral Professional Resource Center	1		
	The Internet: Learning the License Renewal Process	1		
	Another Meeting? Seriously? Make Meeting Matter	1.5		
	Idea Exchange Power Hour: Ignite Innovation in 60 Minutes	1		
MJK Marketing 1501 Belcher Road South Building B Largo , FL 33770	The Power of Price Shoppers – Part II	8		
Regulatory Support Services Inc P O Box 3130, 3 Morgans Ridge Lane Durham, NC 27715	Bulletproofing, Decisions and Due Diligence	3		
Selected Independent Funeral Home 500 Lake Cook Road Suite 205 Deerfield, IL 60015	Selected Independent Funeral Homes NextGen Seminar	8		

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	Selected Independent Funeral Homes 2013 Annual Meeting	10		
International Order of the Golden Rule 3520 Executive Center Drive #300 Austin, TX 78731	Innovative Technology in the Funeral Homes: Challenges and Victories	1		
	Fall Forum 2013: Smart Choices for Financial Success	7.5		
	Invitational Roundtable	3		
International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association 107 Carpenter Drive Suite 100 Sterling, VA 20164	2014 Wide World of Sales Conference	9		

Other Business:

Bryant Hightower moved, Nancy Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following requests for a 90 day grace period:

- FEST001419 Fields and Terry's Funeral Home, Inc.

Bryant Hightower moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following requests for a 90 day grace period:

- FEST001791 Hicks Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Bryant Hightower moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following requests for a 90 day grace period:

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- FEST001818 Dalton Funeral Home

Michael Fowler moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to approve the requests to lift the probationary status of the following licenses, with Bryant Hightower recusing himself from discussion and abstaining from the vote:

- FD001945 Richard B. Hightower Sr.
- FEST001519 Hightower's Memorial Chapel
- FD003224 Richard B. Hightower Jr.
- FEST001138 Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel

David Roach moved, Bryant Hightower seconded, and the Board voted to lift the probation status on the following:

- FD003200 & EMB002721 Steven Joel Manry Sr.
- FD002784 & EMB002448 Carlton Danny Hodges
- FEST000230 Manry-Jordan-Hodges Funeral Home

The Board reviewed and denied a request to approve continuing education credits from Fayetteville Technical Community College in North Carolina for a GA licensee due to the college not being an approved provider in Georgia.

Nancy Kennedy moved, David Roach seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2014 Funeral Service Meeting Schedule.

The Board reviewed a letter from a potential applicant for apprentice registration and advised that the Board will need to consider his qualifications upon receipt of a completed application.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service's next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.